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SUBJECT: SIHANOUK'S "ENVOYS" TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

1. CHHUT CHHOEUR, CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO AUSTRALIA, TOLD ME THAT IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD YESTERDAY (AUGUST 29) WITH SHANN, ACTING HEAD OF DFA, SHANN VOLUNTEERED THE INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA WOULD IGNORE VISITS STARTING NEXT WEEK OF TWO "ENVOYS" OF SIHANOUK. SHANN HAD RAISED ISSUE WITH PRIMIN WHO DECIDED THAT NO MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET WOULD RECEIVE THESE "ENVOYS" NOR WOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE DFA.

2. CHHUT CHHOEUR INFORMED ME THE TWO ENVOYS IN QUESTION ARE VAN PINY, GRUNK'S VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND NGO PIN, FORMERLY AN ENGINEER WHO WORKED IN CHHUT CHHOEUR'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. LATTER STUDIED IN US, SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND IS SON-IN-LAW OF NORODOM PHURISSARA, FORMER CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO IS NOW WITH THE KHMER INSURGENTS. THESE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF GRUNK ARE TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DISARMAMENT, SYDNEY, WHICH IS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE "GROUP MORATORIUM FOR VIETNAM" OF WHICH TRADE MINISTER CAIRNS IS THE

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CHAIRMAN. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN SYDNEY SEPTEMBER 2 AND WILL BE

TRAVELLING AROUND AUSTRALIA, STOPPING OFF IN CANBERRA SEPT 12.

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